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Oracle Announces Availability of Java SE 7

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News Facts

- Oracle today announced the availability of [Java Platform, Standard Edition 7](#) (Java SE 7), the first release of the Java platform under Oracle stewardship.
- The Java SE 7 release is the result of industry-wide development involving open review, weekly builds and extensive collaboration between Oracle engineers and members of the worldwide Java ecosystem via the [OpenJDK Community](#) and the [Java Community Process \(JCP\)](#).

Java SE 7 delivers:

- Language changes to help increase developer productivity and simplify common programming tasks by reducing the amount of code needed, clarifying syntax and making code easier to read. (JSR 334: Project Coin)
- Improved support for dynamic languages (including: Ruby, Python and JavaScript), resulting in substantial performance increases on the JVM. (JSR 292: InvokeDynamic)
- A new multicore-ready API that enables developers to more easily decompose problems into tasks that can then be executed in parallel across arbitrary numbers of processor cores. (JSR 166: ForkJoin Framework)
- A comprehensive I/O interface for working with file systems that can access a wider array of file attributes and offer more information when errors occur. (JSR 203: NIO.2)
- New networking and security features
- Expanded support for internationalization, including Unicode 6.0 support
- Updated versions of numerous libraries
- Strong backward compatibility of Java SE 7 with previous versions of the platform preserves the skill sets of current Java software developers and protects Java technology investments.

Developers interested in getting started immediately with the Java SE 7 release can leverage the [NetBeans Integrated Development Environment \(IDE\) 7.0](#), Eclipse Indigo with the additional Java SE 7 plug-in or IntelliJ IDEA 10.5, which support the latest features of the Java SE 7 platform. [Oracle JDeveloper](#) support for JDK 7 is intended for a release later this year.

Java Facts and Figures

- 97% of enterprise desktops run Java
- 1 billion Java downloads each year
- 9 million developers worldwide
- #1 programming language (TIOBE Programming Community Index) More than 3 billion devices are powered by Java technology

Supporting Quote

"We're very excited about Java SE 7; this is a great release with strong technology updates. I'm pleased that the Java community has come together in favor of technical progress and that we have a clear path forward for Java SE 8," said Hasan Rizvi, senior vice president Oracle Fusion Middleware and Java Products. "Oracle has a strong vested interest in the success of the Java platform and is firmly committed to delivering a consistent, high-performance, high-quality Java SE implementation and will be supporting the Java SE 7 release across the Oracle Fusion Middleware product portfolio."

Supporting Resources

[Java 7 Celebration Webcast Replay](#)

[Java Platform, Standard Edition](#)

[OpenJDK](#)

[JDK 7 Project in OpenJDK](#)

[Java at Oracle](#)

[Java Magazine](#)

[Planet JDK](#) (JDK developer blogs)

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